

List and is allowed against AL/SIL. The import of Natural Rubber under Advance Licences has also been banned since February '99 in order to enhance the consumption of indigenous rubber and to help the rubber growers get remunerative price for their produce. The export of Natural Rubber is free.

The import of copra is in the Restricted List. To stabilise the falling price of copra and to ensure remunerative prices to the growers, basic duty of 35% with a surcharge of 10% is levied on import of copra. The export of copra is free.

The import of tobacco products like cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes and other manufactured tobacco substitutes are restricted and allowed only against a licence. Export of tobacco is free.

Import and export of pepper is free.

News-item "Centre going slow on anti-dumping drive"

*206. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Centre going slow on anti-dumping drive", published in the Asian Age, dated 12th July, 2000;
- (b) if so, his reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the various problems highlighted in the newsitems?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & allied duties (DGAD) is fully geared to investigate cases arising out of dumping of imports, causing injury to domestic industry in India. From 1992, to date, 70 cases have been initiated, in which Final Findings have been given in 53 cases, and Provisional Findings in 7 cases.

The Rules of Anti-dumping investigations in India are in

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consonance with and are similar to rules and procedures followed by other National Governments. Investigations are completed as per the time norms and other procedures prescribed in the rules.

Study of the working of foreign TV channels

*207. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to make a full fledged study of the working of the foreign TV channels, since the CBDT is bereft of any idea of their working;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to ensure that they pay the actual tax on their revenue earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal. According to information given by Finance Ministry, foreign telecasting companies are taxable in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and the Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty applicable to them.

Foreign telecasting companies have paid Rs. 71.21 Crores as income tax during the past four assessment years.

Status of Guru Gobind Singh Oil Refinery in Punjab

*208. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 18 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 2000 and state the status, as on date, regarding Guru Gobind Singh Oil Refinery in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS